THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1906. Fair to-day and to-morrow; fresh northeast

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FEAR THAT 140 HAVE DROWNED ONE SHIP REPORTS VALENCIA'S

DECKS SWEPT CLEAR.

I nable to Approach Closer Than Three-quarters of a Mile, but Sees No Sign of Life -Later Report More Hopeful-Storm Still Raging on Coast of Vancouver.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 24.—Contradictory stories from the Valencia wreck to-night ntensify the keen anxiety of every one. By the steamer Salvor, arriving at Bamfold Creek this evening, word was received that while the vessel had held her place on the rocks, her hull had suffered seriously by the pounding of last night's gale and her saloon deck was swept clean of every movable object, including human freight, which it had borne at the dep rture of the boatswam's relief crew to telegraph for assist-

The Salvor herself had been unable to get within two miles at best of the crippled steamer and the steamer Queen was scarcely

more fortunate in this regard. The tug boat Czar, which had abandoned her official mission with an emmissary of the admiralty court to libel the schooner M. Turner, in order to do, if possible, something for the salvation of human life, being of lighter draft, was enabled to run in much or to fatal Klanaway Point (practically Seabird Reef) than either of the ocean going steamers.

Her mster declared, however, that he had not been nearer than half a mile to where the Valencia lies, from which distance with the aid of glasses, her decks appeared to be swept bare. Two masts are yet standing.

No sign of a living person was to be seen on board, according to his report forwarded by the Salvor, and the conclusion was that all had been swept away, dropping one by one into the breaking surf during the gale,

which lasted all last night. To-night another and slightly more hopeful message is given which will, however, prolong the period of tense anxiety concerning the ultimate fate of the ship wrecked

The steamer Queen, Capt. Cousins, which had been despatched to the scene last evening, returned upon being relieved by the City of Topeka and told through of-

ficers that there still was hope. She arrived off Pachena Bay last night, being the first of the rescue fleet to make the point of disaster. The gale was blowing strong from the south and southwest with a very heavy swell, and it was deemed impracticable and impossible to attempt to gain communication with the Valencia or with any one who might be on board her until morning broke.

Not long after the Queen took up her vigil three guns were heard through the whistling of the wind and the booming of the surf from the direction of the wreck. Whether they marked the departure from the doomed hulk of any of those aboard or whether it was the noise incidental to the firing of lines could not

be ascertained. No lights were visible. and at intervals the rain descended in cutting and blinding sheets. When the day broke the Queen immediately proceeded to work her way as near

as possible to her companion steamer in According to Capt. Cousin she got within a mile, perhaps three-quarters of a mile, of the imprisoned vessel seeing, in doing so. no floating bodies or significant wreckage. The sea was unusually heavy and the

fog came on and melted alternatively. The glasses were continually brought to bear on the Valencia, and from the decks of the Queen she was seen to be submerged forward to the quarter, tilted high upon the

rocks, with her stern toward the bluffs. The after part of the deck had been swept and the house works partly demolished. The smokestack and mainmast stood apparently, with the stump of the

The decks were swept, but upon them were discerned dark groups of the shipwrecked people holding together with comparative safety as they waited for

According to the captain, there were probably twenty or twenty- ve people thus seen or clinging to the rigging, where they had obviously endured unspeakable torture during the night of the storm.

No possible communication presented itself, and while the Queen stood by all morning her lookouts at every point described no sign of boats or people in the water, or bodies or men ashore.

The Salvor could not get any closer than the schooner, but as the latter left the tug Czar was apparently working her way inland with caution and hope of rendering some assistance to the yet living, or of recovering the dead. That she was unsuccessful is apparent from her report trans-

Whether the Czar's intelligence that no sign of human life upon the ship was noted was subsequent to the Queen's departure to Victoria after her release from duty by

the Topeka's arrival is not known. The nine survivors who are reported on the shore some fifteen miles from Beale reached that point over the difficult trail. So far as known they, with the six in the boatswain's crew, fifteen in all, are all that are left of the Valencia's ninety-four passengers and crew of sixty.

It is expected that the land relief party from Bamfield and Beale will have reached the scene of the disaster by this evening. They had planned to work with ropes over the face of the cliffs.

Shipmasters ascribe the disaster to the unusual northern drift, the result of continued southerly winds, for which Capt. Johnson had failed to make allowance in his reckoning, no leading marks being

The fog alarm near the American entrance to the straits is also alleged to have been silent during thick weather on both Sunday and Monday.

The known survivors are: T. J. McCarthy, boatswain; Thomas Lamson, C. Brown, Thomas Shields, John Mark and W. Goslin sailors; C. A. Miller, fireman; Assistant Superintendent Sunker of Seattle, whose wife and two daughters were drowned; D. F. Richley, fireman; Carl Samuel, first class passenger for Seattle; Mike Hone, second class, for Seattle; Brown, second class; Y. Hosada, Oakland, for Seattle; T. Campbell, who lost his wife and fifteen-yearold daughter; B. E. Ledhess, fireman; and Albert Wells, U. S. N.

Capt. Johnson and all others of the ninety four passengers and sixty crew are listed

Following is a list of the passengers on the Valencia:

PIRST CLASS. For Seattle-J. S. Widner, J. Neal, N. M.

Anderson, Miss Van Wyck, Alice Stoltenburg and two children, F. T. Fonde, R. T. Brown, G. W. Taylor and wife, Burt Parker,

E. C. Albon, William Sibley, Mrs. W. O.Rosen-

berger, Miss I. Shave, F. Peterson, N. N.

Peters, Harry Ward, G. Walker, H. T. Tell-man, W. C. Merle, H. Hoelscher, B. B. Busel,

Mrs. Williamson, Miss W. Cole, W. E. Allison Fred Erickson, Charles Samuel, G. Bone-

backer, W. Lombardine, F. S. Kunker and wife, George D. Haraden, B. B. Graham,

For Bellingham-Mrs. J. C. Thompson and

For Vancouver-Harry Woolleyde, A. T.

For Victoria-D. H. Hess, Donald Ross and

For Tacoma-James Wright and James

For Seattle-M. O'Neil, Harry Greggy, W.

Vilson, Jack Loring, Jacob Nikko, L. Pantha,

Peter Glubo, Theodore Sherver, J. E. Lucas, J. T. Doherty, Miko Myoclvic, P. J. Camp-

cell, Theodore Chives, J. B. Shannon, J. E.

Dickson, S. E. Dawson, G. P. Nordstrow and wife; T. Gladk, T. J. Campbell and wife, J.

Montgomery, C. A. Cosett, Peter Hogan, W. M. Ogle and wife, J. H. Herpkamper, D.

Daly, A. Handgert, H. H. Hawkins, T. Simpson, T. Martin, C. West, W. A. Dean, H. Aisher,

H. Merry, R. Hult, J. Keating, J. Willitts,

For Juneau-E. Pentila. For Tacoma-Frank Novonch, Tom Brown,

For Victoria-J. Fernie and J. McCauferth.

Following is a list of the officers: Capt. O. M. Johnson, First Mate Wholms, Second

Officer P. Peterson, Third Officer J. H. Cam-

eron, Fourth Officer A. A. Berg, Purser J. J.

O'Farrell, Freight Clerk F. Lehn, Assistant Freight Clerk E. E. Hopkins, Chief Engineer

Carry, Second Assistant Engineer F. S. Davis,

Third Assistant Engineer R. Nelson, Chief Steward J. H. Oddinot and Second Steward

NO HOPE FOR GEN. WHEELER.

His Son Thought Last Night That the Vet-

eran Might Not Survive Till Morning.

condition of Gen. Joe Wheeler, who has

been ill with pneumonia at the home of

his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, 173 Colum-

bia Heights, Brooklyn, occurred about 10

o'clock yesterday morning, and, although

he rallied early in the afternoon, he had a

bad relapse at about 6 o'clock. Last night

Last night, in addition to his sister, Mrs.

Smith, Major Joseph Wheeler, Jr., U. S. A.,

side. The daughters had come on from

Washington and the South on Tuesday

and yesterday. Major Wheeler said that

the condition of his father was so extremely

critical that he might not survive the night

and that the doctors were unable to hold out

a ray of hope that he might pull through

NAB WALKING DELEGATE

With Marked Money, on Complaint of

Dunn, walking deleg

plasterers' union in The Bronx, was locked

up in the Alexander avenue police station

ast night on a charge of extortion. Charles

O'Rourke, a boss plasterer living at 1734

O'Rourke has the contract for plastering

dozen flathouses at 156th and Fox streets

According to O'Rourke Dunn approached

him in a saloon at 144th street and Willis

avenue last night and demanded \$100, say-

ing that if O'Rourke didn't give up a strike

Q'Rourke says he told Dunn to wait while

he hustled out to get the money. The con-

tractor made for the police station and

Detectives Heaney and Ray were sent with

him to nab Dunn. The two sleuths marked

\$10 bill and two \$5 bills, which O'Rourke

"This is all I can get right now. Let

Dunn accepted the money and asked

O'Rourke to join him in a drink. Just at

this time the two detectives came in and

BRITAIN TO HAVE BIG WAR GAME.

Will Send 10,000 Men From Home and

Across Canada to the Pacific.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 24.—The Canadian

Pacific Short Line is to be subjected to a

big transporation test by the Government.

In consequence of the new alliance with

Japan, in which both nations pledge them-

selves to support each other in case of an

attack, even though it be single handed,

the British Government has decided to

discover in just how little time it could send

a considerable body of men from the shores

of Great Britain to Queen Charlotte Island,

to the present the plan has been closely

guarded in the Admiralty.

ance to Great Britain.

which lies to the north of Vancouver. Up

The scheme is to call upon the Canadian

Pacific Railway to transport 10,000 marines

and sailors with boats and all equipment

from England to Vancouver and then by

This will involve the chartering of extra

vessels and running twenty trains each

loaded with 500 men and camp equipment

across the Continent. The experiment

As the terminus of the Grand Trunk

Pacific will be on the coast somewhere

inside the Charlotte group of islands the

assumed strategic value is of great import-

CLARKSON TO BE REAPPOINTED.

Another Term for the Surveyor of the

Word was received in New York city from

Washington last night from a close friend

of President Roosevelt that the President

has decided to reappoint the Hon. James S.

Clarkson Surveyor of the Port of New York

for another term of four years, beginning

in March. Earlier stories that came out of

Washington, it was added, were appar-

to reappoint Gen. Clarkson, and there wa

Port of New York.

will take place in about two months.

this go on account and I will pay you the

Webster avenue, is the complainant.

would be declared this morning.

ook back to Dunn, saying:

rest to-morrow."

arrested Dunn.

The family, he said, were prepared for the

A marked change for the worse in the

Deuncing, First Assistant Engineer T.

Sem Tem. P. Waughtil and F. Waughtil.

I. Smith and J. Hosie.

N. H. Campbell.

extreme weakness.

worst.

For Vancouver-A. Kars.

SECOND CLASS.

For Juneau-Mrs. D. D. Stewart.

Mattie Haraden

W. S. Hume.

FORTY SHOTS FIRED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT IN OPEN STREET.

Two More Wounded- Hip Sing Breaks New Year's Peace in Chinatown-All the Victims On Leongs-Mock Duck Safe in Bed Banquet of Death 7 Prisoners.

The Hip Sing Tong, old Chinese friends of Dr. Parkhurst, broke all precedent again yesterday. On Chinese New Year's day, the day of truce, when all fights are supposed to be called off, they made an attack in force on a party of On Leong men out paying New Year calls. The On Leongs whirled, drew and defended themselves. A battle in the open street followed-a wild mixup in which the Chinese fired under the very arms of three policemen who were trying to arrest them. When their fortyfours were empty two dead men lay on the street and two wounded were in the hands of the police-all On Leong men. The battle happened in broad daylight, and

forty or fifty shots were fired. The battle followed a peace conference which, every one thought, had ended the tong war in Chinatown. The dispute, with incidental shootings, has gone on for more than a year. There have been a dozen gunplays, in which six or seven Chinese have been killed and many more wounded. It has been dragged through the impotent American courts-without a single conviction up to this time-and taken up by certain American missionary societies, tools reduced the commercial Chinatown to a howling wilderness. The restaurants, the shops, the theatre have been losing money. The Chinese have been leaving the quarter

by hundreds. The Chinese Court, which administers an outlawed justice of its own and is more powerful than any American court, took the matter in hand. The judges of the Chinese Court, merchants of standing, who have no part in the dispute of the Hip Sings and On Leongs, tried to patch up a truce. Last Saturday night they called Capt. P. J. Tracey of the Elizabeth street station into their council room and announced that the war was over. Beginning with Wednesday, Chinese New Year, they said there would be peace. They refused to give

all hope of his recovery had been practithe terms of the agreement. cally abandoned. Dr. A. J. McCorkle, the The Hip Sings, gamblers who have been attending physician, and Dr. E. J. Janeposing as reformers and leading raids, way of Manhattan, who had been called in followers of Mock Duck, trouble maker, consultation, were unable to hold out any prepared a banquet to celebrate the peace. expectation that the aged patient could The Chinese New Year began at midnight survive. The disease spread rapidly in a between Tuesday and Wednesday. The few hours and Gen. Wheeler suffered from banquet was set for 1 o'clock yesterday morning. A number of neutral citizens were invited, as well as the head men of the On Leongs. The place was the headquarnow stationed at West Point, and the four ters of the Chinese Masons on Pell street, daughters of Gen. Wheeler were at his bed-

neutral territory. The Hip Sings, the dignitaries of the quarter and the musicians appeared, but not a single On Leong. They say that it was a very sober banquet. The action of the On Leongs may have meant fear of treachery, or it might have meant a new declaration of war. The reasons are locked in the bosom of Tom Lee, boss of the On Leongs, and his diplomatic secretary, Gin

There were two other causes of irritation among the Hip Sings. In the first place, Mock Duck was out of jail. With four other Hip Sing men he had been in peril of his life again, this time for the shooting scrape in the Chinese Theatre last August. He got out about a month ago and started to make trouble again. This time, he was sore over his imprisonment. He has seen so much of the Tombs that prison life galls him. About a fortnight ago new faces appeared in Chinatown. Rumor had it that they were expert hatchetmen from San Francisco, whence the Hip Sings draw

their supply. The second thing which galled the Hip Sings was a cause of disagreement apart from the strict question of gambling graft. The Hip Sings had found a cellar location on Doyers street admirably suited for a gambling house, because it was hard to raid. They had some kind of option on it; and they were preparing to make it a Chinese Canfield's. Somehow, the On Leongs got it away from them and signed a lease with the owners. Ther were other reasons, not easily to be comprehended by the

Western mind. Yesterday morning brought the mos quiet New Year that Chinatown ever saw. The report of the banquet and the refusal of the On Leong men to attend had spread through the quarter. Within the merchants and wives kept open house, and there was music in the restaurants and joss houses, but the streets were quiet. The gorgeous Chinese children, who are accustomed to make the streets of Chinatown a carnival on New Year's Day, were kept at

Certain of the men ventured out, dressed in their long ceremonial robes and carrying red paper calling cards. As the day wore away toward noon the men became more and more venturesome. Nothing had happened yet, and besides, New Year's day is a truce of God. By 1 o'clock the streets were fairly bright. The American sightseers and tourists began to appear and the shops began to do business.

On the north side of Pell street, near the corner of Mott, there is a little frame shop kept by a cobbler, and so small that it is not dignified by a number. It clings coasting vessels to Queen Charlotte Island. | close to 30 Pell street, a four story building with two basement entrances. The cobbler's shop is, in fact, part of the front entrance to a court. This court is entered by a wooden gateway, whose wide frame is a pretty hiding place. On the other side of the gateway is 32 Pell street, a lodging-

house. Just before 2 o'clock in the afternoon there had been something of a quarrel before 32 Pell street. A dozen Chinese stood there, lashing at each other in their native tongue, reviling each other in Chinese squalls. Two policemen, doing duty at the corner, scattered this crowd. Five or six of the quarrellers passed on into the house at 32 to pay a New Year call. At their head was Lee Toy, "cousin" of Tom

have been a bodyguard. Lee Toy and his On Leong retinue paid their call, came down the stairs and started obliquely across the street. Lee, at the head, carried a bunch of red calling cards. Out of the basement stairway of 28, and from behind the posts of the gateway, came half a dozen Chinamen, who fired as one shot at the group of On Leong men.

Continued on Second Page. FLORIDA'S FAMOUS TRAINS. LIBERALS MAKE NEW RECORD. Have Already Elected More Than 300

Members of the House of Commons

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 24.-The election returns received to-day have raised the Liberal strength to a record figure. There is some uncertainty regarding a few of the successful candidates as to whether they can be reckoned for party purposes as Laborites or Liberals. Hence there is some diver-

Liberal strength. The party's papers assert that thus far 330 Liberals have been elected, while other papers place the number at 368. The previous record was 300, which the Liberals numbered after the election following the Reform bill in 1832. There are now fewer

The Liberals already are able to boast an absolute majority in the House of Commons of at least forty, while with the Laborites and Nationalists they outnumber the Conservatives by more than three hundred. One hundred and thirty-seven of the latter have been elected.

The House will meet on February 13, when the members will be sworn in and a Speaker elected. The House will be formally opened in full state by the King and

MICROBE CAUSES PARALYSIS. Dr. W. F. Robertson Announces Ills Dis-

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
EDINBURGH, Jan. 24.—Lecturing before the College of Physicians here Dr. W. F. made by himself and two colleagues since 1902 tended to show that paralysis and its allied disease, tabes dorsalis, are as specific in their causation as tuberculosis and diph-

They are apparently traceable to a microorganism, resembling the diphtheria bacillus, which is constantly present in the alimentary or respiratory regions. It was also found in the blood and cerebro-spinal

NOT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. France and Spain to Deal With Contraband

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN ALGECIRAS, Jan. 24.—The Moroccan conference to-day finished its consideration of the contraband question and adopted in its entirety the proposed scheme to prevent such trade.

The last article prescribes that the application of the regulations in the frontier districts of Algeria shall belong exclusively to France and Morocco, and along the Spanish frontier exclusively to Spain and

The next subject to be taken up will be taxation.

HAS NOT ORDERED BLOCKADE. France Denies That Warships Have Been Sent to Venezuelan Ports.

the Foreign Office to-day that France would choose her own hour for settling matters with President Castro of Venezuela, who will lose nothing by having to wait. It was said also that it was not true that any French warships had sailed for the purpose of blockading Venezuelan ports. France had other methods of punishing Castro than accepting his invitation to

Gen. Manuel A. Matos, who organized a rebellion against President Castro in Venezuela in 1901. Matos is quoted as saying that Castro's position is very strong and that present events can only strengthen it, because Venezuela is convinced that there is no possibility of a serious conflict with France. Matos, the Journal says, praised the results Castro had obtained in the pacification of the country. In case of war, he said. Venezuela would be able to place 100,000 men in the field.

STEAMBOAT BLOWS UP. Five of the Crew of Ten Killed Outright -All the Others Injured.

Mississippi River towboat owned in Natchez, Miss., was wrecked to-day by an explosion. Five of the crew of ten were killed and five injured.

night and the engineer failed to thaw a frozen pipe. This caused low water in the boiler and the collapse of a flue. The accident occurred sixty five miles above Natchez and near St. Joseph, La., where the injured were taken by a passing packet.

New York City Republican Legislators

ALBANY, Jan. 24.-The Republican members of the Legislature from New York city are committed to the modification of the present mortgage tax law. Such action was taken to-night at a conference of the Senators and Assemblymen. This afternoon the Republican Assemblymen conferred by themselves and went into the conference called for to-night by Senator Page, as vice-president of the New York county Republican committee, pledged against the mortgage tax law and manding a change of some kind. A twenty Assemblymen were present at the conference to-night, but Senators Page, Saxe, Gardner and Burr were the only members of the upper House present, the other Republican Senators from New

York having gone home to-day.

In order to make known to the Governor that the conference was not to be viewed as antagonistic to him, a committee on him and informed him of what was to occur and asked for an expression from him of his views on the mortgage tax ques-tion. Senator Page informed the legis-lators that the Governor had not committed himself to any special plan, but would be glad to learn the sentiment of the members on the question.

There was no sentiment at the conference night in favor of the absolute exemption m taxation of mortgages. The feeling from taxation of mortgages. The feeling was that some sort of a tax should be imposed, either a recording or a stamp tax of five mills. Senators Page and Gardner and Assemblymen Wainwright, Agnew and Dowling were appointed a committee to draft a bill providing for a change from the present law and submit it at another

conference.

The feeling among the New York city Republican members is that the Governor will favor a change if there is a sufficient sentiment developed against the existing law, although he has privately expressed the belief that the law should have another transfer trial. A stamp or recording tax year's trial. A stamp or recording tax would bring in a large revenue, but not so large as the present law. The Kings county members say that the mortgage tax law is detriment to building operations in

WHISTLING FOR SNOW. WALDO ON A SCOUTING TOUR.

BINGHAM'S NEW DEPUTY WAS INSPECTING THE TENDERLOIN.

He's to Ascertain Conditions at First Hand, He Says He Did When Sergeant Benner Called Him Down-He'll Talk to Dooley About Tenderloin Women.

First Deputy Police Commissioner Rhinelander Waldo made his first official inspection of the Tenderloin last night. He was accosted by two women at Thirtyfourth street and Broadway. He walked thence to the Tenderloin station without meeting a policeman and there declared that he would see Capt. Dooley about the matter to-day. He also let it be known Commissioner Bingham has placed upon him the work of going about town and learning, first hand, how the police are doing their work.

The first that any of the Tenderloin policemen knew of the new Commissioner's inspection was when a young man in a gray tourist coat and black derby hat walked into the station at 9:30 o'clock. Instead of walking up to the desk in the deferential manner expected by sergeants the visitor strode to the gate at the side of the desk and started to go behind the railing, Sergeant Benner brought him to his senses promptly.

"Here, young man," he shouted, "what are you doing behind that railing? That's no place for you. Get out and walk up in front of the middle of the desk if you've any business to do."

The visitor apologized meekly and then astounded the sergeant with the question: "Haven't you any plain clothes men stationed about the corner of Broadway

and Thirty-fourth street?" "What business is that of yours?" de-manded the sergeant fiercely. "Where do you come in to know where our detectives are assigned? Who in thunderation are you, anyway?"

"Why, I'm Deputy Commissioner Waldo," was the reply, spoken as modestly as pos-

It was up to the sergeant to make apologies. He did so as well as he could and promptly invited the Commissioner to occupy the seat of honor behind the desk. Mr. Waldo accepted the offer and began asking questions about the manner of keeping the blotter, the duties of plain clothes men and other routine matters. After these had been explained he told the object of his visit. "The Commissioner," he said, "says that

since I'm a younger man than he and can get around better he wants me to go around the precincts and find out how things are running in the department. So I'm going to butt around and look things over Afterward the Commissioner told the

reporters about his experience before he reached the station. "I was held up by two women," he said,

at Thirty-fourth street and Broadway." Were you robbed?" he was asked. I was just solicited," he replied. Then I walked to the station and didn't meet a policeman on the way. It doesn't seem exactly right that I found none in all

that distance. "It seems to me these women deserve some sympathy, and I don't say that I was looking for a policeman to arrest them. We can't drive them off the earth, but something must be done to control the situation."

Waldo then asked the name of the captain of the precinct. When told that it was Dooley he replied that he would have to see him in the morning. He then left the station and wandered about the precinct until 1 o'clock.

CHARGES AGAINST HUSSEY Schmittberger Taking No Chances-Fallure

to Enforce Excise Law This Time. It became known at Police Headquarters vesterday that Inspector Schmittberger has brought charges against Capt. Hussey of the Fast Twenty-second street station for failure to enforce the excise law Whether the alleged violations disc overed by Schmittberger's men took place after hours or on Sunday could not be learned Commissioner Bingham said he had not heard of any such charges, but they will probably be brought to his attention to-day Schmittberger's action was taken by

those who know about police affairs to be an indication that the proposes hereafter to take no chances with the captains under his command. Commissioner Bingham recently made it plain to the inspectors that he intends to hold them responsible for everything that goes on in their districts, and it is apparent that Schmittberger, in turn, intends to hold his captains

in the same way. One inspector declared yesterday that he would not bring any of his captains up on charges for excise violations in his precinct until he got a line on the policy of the administration regarding the excise question.

Inspector Schmittberger said last night that he would prefer charges against Capt. Burfeind of the West Twentieth street station to-day, because of the charges recently preferred against himself.

They tried me for dereliction of duty. said Schmittberger, because I didn't know what Dooley and all his men were doing. Now, I'm going to find out why Burfeind don't know what his sergeants are doing. That's all I've got to say about it now."

TOO EAGER TO TREAT.

Akron Manufacturer Tries to Carry Off Reluctant Italian in a Cab.

A man who said he was Grant Merriam, cereal manufacturer of Akron, O., went into the Grand Central Station last night in hilarious mood. Standing near the Vanderbilt avenue entrance was Giuseppe di Arles of West New Brighton, S. I. Mer riam took a fancy to the Italian and invited him to take a drink. The man refused. Merriam grabbed a ticket for Carthage,

N. Y., which the Italian was holding in his hand picked up the Italian, who was a small man, and bundled him into a cab which was standing outside the door. The victim set up a shout which brought Police-men Monahan and Malone of the East

Forty-second street station.

They arrested Merriam and took him to the station house. When scarched the ticket was found on him. He was taken to the East Fifty-first street station, where he was locked up.

SEABOARD FLORIDA LIMITED DAILY. Electric lighted leaves New York 12:23 noon. Hand somest, quickest Florida train via shortest rout through attractive winter resorts. Office, 118 Bdwy.—Agr. The Train of the Century is the Twentieth Century Limited, the 18-hour train between New York and Chicago by the New York Central Lines. Leave New York 3:30 P. M., arrive Chicago 8:30 next morning—a night's ride.—Ade.

The mercury declined to drop down to

Weather Poet Offers Weather Prophet Words of Encouragement

the freezing point and thus the nose of prophecy was put quite out of joint. It was a joyous, sparkling day, and nature had on tap her very finest ozone, full of supernatural snap. There was no ice excepting that on logs of ocean tanks which passed a few big bergs near by the mist enfolded Banks. The mercury last night was going slowly down the tube; the wind, however was not wild and savage as a Nube. (By stretch of poet's license this is Nubian tout court-we'll now resume this weather piece-it's going to be quite short). It may be somewhat colder when the paper's gone to press, the prophet ere he went to bed was much inclined to guess. Oh, prophet, call for air frappé! Fear not! Prognosticate! You know that winter has been known to fall around this date!

GEORGE ADE FOR CONGRESS. Friends Arranging to Give Him a Surprise

on His Return Home. INDIANAPOLIS Ind. Jan. 21.—Friends of George Ade, who is now supposed to Symes Lehr, he explained-denied that he be on his way to Europe, are arranging to give him a surprise when he returns to this country in the shape of a nomination for Congress in the Tenth district. Fred Gammer, private secretary to Gov. Hanly, made the announcement to-day, and it is understood that the story was given out after a consultation with politicians of Newton county, Ade's home, and with other politicians in the Tenth district.

ROOSEVELTS AT THE CAPITOL.

Listen to Statchood Debate in the House and Mr. Lodge's Speech in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Alice Roosevelt and the President's such a fuss at this time. A number of dissisters. Mrs. Cowles and Mrs. Douglas Robinson of New York, were occupants of the executive gallery of the House today during the fight on the Statehood bill. Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Roosevelt arrived at the Capitol a few minutes after the session opened and a short time later were joined by Mrs. Cowles and Mrs. Robinson. were interested spectators and remained until the rule on the bill was adopted. They then went to the Senate gallery and listened to Senator Lodge's speech.

Before leaving the Capitol Miss Roosevelt and her two aunts were entertained at uncheon by Representative Morrell of Pennsylvania in his committee room. Representative Longworth was also presen. The party was escorted through the Capitol by a guard of policemen.

NO THIRD TERM FOR ROOSEVELT.

Senator Lodge Says He Has Passed Irrevocably From the Region of a Candidate. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, intimate personal friend and political associate and supporter of President Roosevelt, declared in the Senate today, in answering attacks on the Presiand irrevocably from the region of candidate for any executive office or for the office of President." Mr. Lodge did not President has indicated ve conversation with his friends that he stood and intended to stand upon the declaration

15 DROWNED IN CLOUDBURST.

Village Wiped Out - Wall of Water Sweeps

All Before It. WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 24.-A report was received here through Weston this morning that a second cloudburst in the Gauley River Valley shortly after daybreak struck a gang of Italians at work on the railroad and drowned fifteen of them All communication with the territory by rail or wire is cut off. The Italians were sent out yesterday to repair the damage caused by a cloudburst to the

The men had just got to work when without warning a mighty wall of water rushed down the valley, sweeping everything before it. It was too late to get out of the way and the men were carried down. The flood carried with it the railroad tracks and also all the houses in the lowlands about Richmond.

Curtain, a small village below Richmond n the same valley, is reported to have been practically wiped out, though there is no report of loss of life. The flood damage is worst along the West Virginia and Pittsburg division of the Baltimore and Ohio, and it is reported that large sections of that road in the Gauley Valley are wiped out.

ISLE OF PINES FOR CUBA.

Senate Committee Decides to Report Favorably the Treaty to That Effect.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-The treaty with Cuba ceding to that republic sovereignty over the Isle of Pines, which has been pending for more than two years, was to-day favorably reported to the Senate from the Committee on Foreign Relations. The treaty was reported once before, but was sent back to the committee to hear the protests of the American citizens who had setled there against expatriation. Assurances were given by the Cuban Government that the American residents should have certain privileges.

Recently, however, these residents endeavored to set up a State of their own under American protection and sent delegates here to urge recognition. The question of sovereighty was settled, though, by a report made a few weeks ago by a subcommittee, of which Senator Foraker was chairman, which found that the island was not a part of the United States and the re-linquishment of sovereignty to Cuba was merely a form. Senator Morgan made a minority report, taking the opposite view.

The action to-day was without a division.

but Mr. Morgan reserved the right to make a minority report to the Senate urging the insertion of an amendment binding Cuba to the granting of separate local self-gov-

As reported to-day the treaty was with-but amendment, and the declaration that the cession of the island was in return privileges of coaling stations granted the United States, which it was proposed to rike from the convention, remains in the

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HARRY LEHR DIDN'T; EVEN MAJOR WEBB OMITTED IT,

NOBODY LICKED THE COLONEL.

Although He Was a Military Man With His Back Against the Wall and "Town Topics" Had Chased Him Out of Bar Harbor-Bernard N. Baker Had a Cane, but Didn't Use It-He Describes a Holdup-Abe Hummel Contributed Gossip -Justice Deuel's Nose Was for Libels.

In a sense yesterday was "vindication" day at the trial of Norman Hapgood, editor of Collier's Weekly, for criminal libel on the complaint of Justice Joseph M. Deuel of Special Sessions. Harry Lehr and Major G. Creighton Webb came to the front to explain how their names had been dragged into the case through the efforts of the defence to make Town Topics out a paper used as a vehicle for blackmail. Peter Cooper Hewitt also testified as to efforts of Col. William D. Mann to get him to sub-

scribe for "Fads and Fancies." In a cheerful high voice, Mr. Lehr-Harry had ever been a "tipster" for Town Topics or that he had ever furnished information to Town Topics correspondents about members of "society." Several times there were outbursts of laughter at Mr. Lehr's emphatio and earnest way of talking. It was modesty, he admitted, that convinced him that he would be made a laughing stock if he was included with the other distinguished persons in "Fads and Fancies," and that was his reason for failing to pay \$1,500 for the book after he had signed a subscription contract; also he decided that it was too

expensive. District Attorney Jerome did not seem to understand why Mr. Lehr was making agreeable articles were published in Town Topics about him, but, in response to questions from Mr. Jerome, Mr. Lehr said that he had never sued because he didn't think the articles were serious enough, and it had never occurred to him to thrash Col. Mann.

It was in a letter from (ol. Mann to Moses Ellis Wooster about "Fads an Fancies" that Major Webb's rame was mentioned the other day, an i the Major wanted to explain that he had never paid any blackmail, although Town Topics kept printing unkind articles about him he paid several visits to Col. Mann and once told the Colonel that he was an ex-army officer and that the Colonel had him (the Major) "against the wall," and had better stop in time; but there was no threat of violence with the injunction, said the Major. Once, the Major said, he had to pack his trunk and leave Bar Harbor because Town Tonica printed a paragraph about his attentions to a young lady. As an honorable man

he had to, the Major said. Who furnished the news that filtered into the office of Town Topics was told by Charles Stokes Wayne, former managing editor the paper. It appeared that Abe Hummel was a contributor and wrote items about his clients and that James dent, that Mr. Roosevelt had "passed finally | B. Townsend, who is a member of clubs, wrote gossip from the clubs and society news. Harry Lehr never wrote anything. Wayne said, but furnished news, according make this statement at the instance of the to what Wayne had been told by Col. Mann. President, but no doubt exists that it meets | William R. Rowe was the Newport corwith Mr. Roosevelt's entire approval. The respondent for Town Topics. Some of the other contrib Belmont Purdy, Mrs. Lee Agnew, Miss H. L. Robins, a dressmaker; Peter McArthur, made on the night of his election in Novem- Dr. Fred Taylor of Baltimore, Mrs. Mildred Pierce, Caroline Harding, Miss Rose Marion, ber, 1904, that "under no circumstances Miss Eleanor Walton, Mrs. John Westerwill I be a candidate for or accept another velt, A. Muller-Ury, Countess Castelmenardo, Ormsby Gore, Lucy Randolph, Helen Randolph, the Rev. C. De Lyon

Nichols and Mrs. Jean Whilcomb. Some of the information that went into the columns of Town Topics came from servants Rowe, one of the correspondents, admitted that, being a telegraph operator, he got the foundation for stories from telegrams handed to him, and that later he disguised himself as a tambourine player and got into the ball given by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish to the Duchess of Marlborough at Newport. He denied that he ever crawled under a tent to see another social function at Newport.

that Wayne and Wooster and the Society Editors' Association, which got out "America's Smart Set," were "a coterie of blackmailers." Mr. Jerome will call Justice Deuel and Col. Mann in rebuttal, and then he will have the job of summing up. Mr. Shepard will sum up for Mr. Hapgood, The case will go to the jury on Friday. Mr. Lehr came to court in blue clothes

Mr. Jerome for the prosecution conceded

and with his hair brushed. He was accompanied by a son of Justice Ingraham and his counsel, Edmund L. Baylles. The proceedings were interrupted so that Mr. Lehr could tell his story. He bowed low to Justice Fitzgerald when he took the witness chair. He said that a great number of articles

had been written about him in Town Topics. The articles began to appear about the time he came to this city eight years ago, and kept up right along. Finally he went

to see Col. Mann. "It was just about June 30, 1901, before 1 was married," said Mr. Lehr, "I asked Col. Mann if he would object to leaving my name out of Town Topics. I told him that I was going to be married, and that it was very objectionable to me and to my wife to be ridiculed. He told me that I need not apprehend any articles about me in the paper in the future, but what was said about me I ought to consider as a compliment. It was a compliment to be mentioned in Town Topics, the Colonel said, and it would not injure me."

Soon after Wooster called on him at Newport. He subscribed for "Fads and Fancies," but not right away. For about a year the criticisms of Town Topics let up. Then Col. Mann wrote him a note.

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"I saw him," said Mr. Lehr, "and he asked me to give him my picture and a description omy house. I told him I objected to being ridiculed and put in a book with these one hundred distinguished men. I said it would make me a laughing stock among my friends. He said he would leave me out, but I was to continue my subscription. I said I didn't want the book, and he told me that it would be a handsome book and an acquisition to my

library." "Of course, when Wooster came to you you believed it was a request from Col. Mann to subscribe?"

"Oh, of course," said Mr. Lehr. "How were you treated after that?" "Sometimes not very well; sometimes pretty well," said Mr. Lehr in a high key that made the crowd laugh.

After that Mr. Lehr saw Col. Mann and

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ently based on the fact that Gen. Clarkson's friends had made no intimation to the President as to whether or not he desired reapointment. It now becomes known from the highest authority that the President is

consequent rejoicing among the General's friends in New York city last night.

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